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Rapid River News

From L.R.B.O.I.

Dataagmini-Giizis (Thimbleberry Moon)
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(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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<http://www.lrcr.com/employment.html>



If you have any questions, please contact Scott Herron at 231-349-3132 or scottherron@ferris.edu, or Barb Barton at 734-576-8427 or bartonbl@michigan.gov.

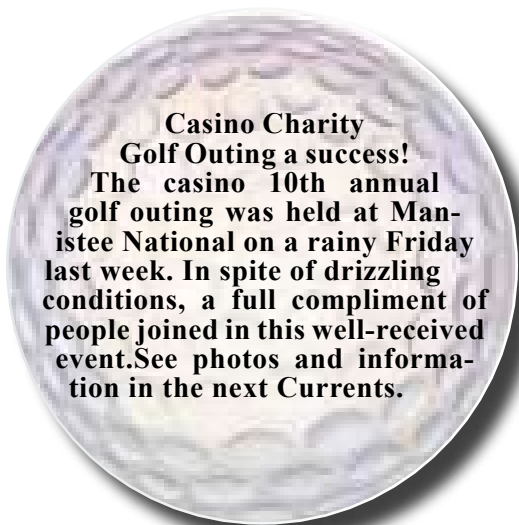
Wild Rice Camp. Announcing registration information for a wild rice camp that is going to be held in Mecosta, Michigan from September 10th through 13th. This wild rice camp is providing the first opportunity in many generations to rediscover the amazing natural resource of manoomin or wild rice in central Michigan. You will learn to make the wooden tools necessary to harvest wild rice from canoes, to harvest manoomin in the same way Anishinaabek Great Lakes Indians have for centuries, and how to hand process wild rice into a storable surplus food that you can take home to share with your family and community. The flyer concerning the camp is at the end of the RRN.

Legislative Note about Per Cap. Tribal Council, through Recorder Janine Sam, has addressed rumors about changes to the tribes' Revenue Allocation Plan (Per Cap) for Elders in a letter at the end of the Rapid River News.



Ogema Meet-N-Greet! On Friday evening (September 11th,), Ogema Larry Romanelli will hold his regular membership meet-n-greet at the Three Fires Conference Center beginning at 6 p.m.

Fall Membership Meeting! Be sure and mark your calendars for the next Membership Meeting on September 12th.



**Casino Charity
Golf Outing a success!**
The casino 10th annual golf outing was held at Manistee National on a rainy Friday last week. In spite of drizzling conditions, a full compliment of people joined in this well-received event. See photos and information in the next Currents.



Board of Directors
Open Session to be
held in the Grand
River Room in the
Casino at 4pm on
September 11th.



Tribal ID Cards. The Enrollment Department will have their camera set up to take the New Tribal I.D.'s at the Fall Meeting. Make sure you bring your old I.D. to turn in.

This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: **6-2-09**

If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

Hearing Key Code

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation
DM - Divorce with children
EB - Election Board Appeal
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment
GM - Guardianship of Minor
JV - Juvenile
NC - Name Change
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support
DO - Divorce w/o children
EM - Emancipation of Minor
GA - Gaming Appeal
GR - Employment Matter
LT - Landlord Tenant
PF - Probate
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket
EA - Enrollment Appeal
FJ - Foreign Judgment
GC - General Civil
JC - Judicial Complaint
NA - Neglect Abuse
PPO - Personal Protection Order
WC - Workmen's Compensation

Thursday, August 27, 2009; Judge Sherigan

- 11:00 a.m. 09146EA - Wabsis v. Enrollment Pretrial
- 2:00 p.m. 09053NA - Closed Neglect Abuse
- 2:45 p.m. 09074GC - Willis v. Tribe Trial

Friday, August 28, 2009; Judge Sherigan

- 9:30 a.m. 09085AM - Adoption Closed
- 10:00 a.m. 07188NA - Neglect/Abuse Closed
- 11:00 a.m. 08284NA - Neglect/Abuse Closed
- 1:15 p.m. 09074GC - Willis v. Tribe

(Contin. if warranted)

Monday, August 31, 2009; Judge Bailey

- 9:00 a.m. 09022TM - LRB v. Carey
Arraignment
- 9:00 a.m. 09149CO - LRB v.
Stone Show Cause
- 10:00 a.m. 09038DM - Witkop v. Witkop
Final Divorce
- 11:00 a.m. 09122DM - Broome v
. Broome Pretrial
- 3:00 p.m. 09156DM - Wilson v. Wilson
Pretrial

EPA/USCG/LRBOI cooperation. Representatives of the Tribal Emergency Planning committee met with representatives from the EPA and Coast Guard to discussing the planning of the Incident Contingency Plan on Lake Michigan.

The focus of the plan is a spill or accident that would affect the shoreline and waters of our lake.

(Kateri Circle)

Look behind you. See your sons and your daughters. They are your future. Look farther and see your sons' and your daughters' children and their children's children even unto the Seventh Generation. That's the way we were taught. Think about it: you yourself are a Seventh Generation."

--Leon Shenandoah, ONONDAGA

The Creator designed us with a free will. That means we function from choices and consequences. It is important that we practice thinking about consequences before we make decisions about choices. Every choice I make is like setting up dominos one after the other that produce consequences. Not just for me but also for my children and for the children that are unborn. My choices and decision today will have consequences for seven generations. For example, if I work on my own spiritual development and I walk the Red Road, the odds are that my children will. They will marry and their children will follow the Red Road and so will my grandchildren even up to the seventh generation. This will happen because of the choices and decisions that I make today.

Great Spirit, grant that the choices and decisions that I make today will honor Your laws and values. May I live in peace today that will ripple into the seventh generation

Tribal Committee/Commission openings. The following is a list of commission seats currently available and also seats that will be open as of September 20, 2009.

Commerce Commission 3 current openings
Gaming Commission 1 current opening

Housing Commission

Binojeeuk Commission

Enrollment Commission

Health Commission

NR Commission

1 current opening

Anyone interested in serving on any of the above commissions need to submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office. Thanks

1 opening as of 9/20

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3 openings as of 9/20

1 opening as of 9/20

4 openings as of 9/20

2 openings as of 9/20

1 opening as of 9/20

(Letter from Tribal Council Recorder, Janine Sam)
August 20, 2009
Recorder's Release regarding Concerns about Per Cap:

Please be advised that members of the Tribal Council have been contacted by a number of Elders regarding a "rumor" that the Tribal Council is considering a proposal to lower or change the Per Capita for Elders. This rumor is unequivocally NOT TRUE. There is no consideration to change the current Revenue Allocation Plan, meaning that the current allocation to Elders and Adults is not going to change. There is another rumor that is being spread that the "Elders" want the kids Christmas gift allocation to be taken away and dedicated to the Elders Christmas Party. Again, there is NO CONSIDERATION to do this by the Tribal Council.

The Recorder has been notified that there are individual Council Members that have communicated or are communicating directly with members of the Tribe on various occasions, regarding various political issues. Please be advised that if you are receiving communication from ONE member of the Tribal Council, any information provided to you is the viewpoint for that ONE Tribal Council member ONLY. The Council can only act by Motion, Resolution or Ordinance, which requires a roll call vote on the matter presented. At this point, there has not been anything offered for consideration, nor items placed on the Tribal Council's Agenda, nor anything voted on for Consideration to change anything regarding the per capita.

There has been a work session requested to review a piece of legislation called the Revenue Allocation Ordinance- #01-100-03. This ordinance was NOT repealed when the prior Council voted to adopt the Revenue Allocation Plan by Resolution. The Ordinance contains a limitation that conflicts with the Resolution adopted to start the per cap. That limitation is found at Section 4-Use of Net Revenues as follows: 4.04. Limitation on Use of Net Revenues and Unexpended Funds; Per Capita. Net revenues and unexpended funds shall be used for governmental purposes as a primary use. No net revenues or unexpended funds shall be used for the payment of a per capita until all governmental needs are met.

The purpose of the work session request was to review the Ordinance, possibly consider amendments or changes to the Ordinance, to ensure that the language is consistent with the Resolution adopted for the per cap. There are members of Council, myself included, that believe the Ordinance must NOT conflict with the per capita resolution, and where there are conflicts, the language needs to be changed to make them consistent with each other. Beyond that single issue, no other considerations have been discussed.

If you are being informed something different by members of the Tribal Council speaking as individuals, then you are encouraged to clarify the matter with that individual Council member. Please be reminded that if there isn't a vote on record, then there isn't an official position of Tribal Council declared. Please be reminded that

if there is no Release from the Recorder's Office, then Tribal Council has not officially adopted a position, and Council members are speaking as individuals representing their own opinions.

If Tribal Citizens are telling you their version of what they heard at a Council meeting, or what they were told by a member of the Council, again, that is their opinion. I am working on revising the Recorder's Submission to include more detailed information, as well as working on a format for a Release to the Rapid River News. Constituents are encouraged to contact Council members, and I appreciate the many communications that I have received regarding the Elder's Per cap, and sharing of those concerns. I also appreciate the many parents of Tribal Member Children that have contacted me, voicing their opinions as well, as a result of this "rumor" circulating throughout the Tribe. I have confirmed with the Enrollment Department that as of August 20, 2009, there are 819 Elders enrolled with Little River Band, and there 523 Children under the age of 18.

Respectfully submitted,
Janine M. Sam
Recorder



Elders News

Elders Conference scheduled for November 7th at the Little River Casino Resort. Contact June Sam at 231-398-6709 for reservations. No mileage will be paid but other expenses will be covered.

- Contact Information for: Manistee Insurance Agency Steve Fredericks, agent
1-800-968-6215 or 231-723-2566

- Don't forget: We still need quotes for the 2010 Elders monthly meeting meals
Call June Sam at 231-398-6709.

- September Meeting will be held at the New Community Center on Dontz Road
Meal furnished by the Casino.

Mutual Aid. Numerous 'Letters to the Editor' have been appearing in the Manistee News Advocate over the last two weeks in support of a proposed Mutual Aid Agreement that would give Tribal officers backup law enforcement powers in the City of Manistee. The City's Police Chief brought the issue forward as cutbacks to the State Police and Sheriff's Department have left the city without police adequate coverage. The city and tribe have a long history of cooperation.

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National Weather Service Winter Presentation With one of the most active winter weather seasons in the United States, residents of Northern Michigan have to be prepared for changeable and sometimes severe winter weather. Michigan is one of the few states in the country which experience lake effect snow. Lake effect snow occurs when cold air crosses the still relatively warm waters of the Great Lakes. With the lakes unfrozen for much of the winter, the lake effect snow machine creates staggering snowfall totals of more than 12 feet in some locations. Northern Michigan is a unique and challenging location for winter weather, for both residents and weather forecasters.

If you are interested in learning more about winter weather and snow spotter reporting, you are encouraged to attend an upcoming winter talk by the National Weather Service. These classes are FREE and open to the public. The classes last about 90 minutes. An official National Weather Service rain gauge, snow stick and snow board will be raffled off at each seminar. These talks are also a wonderful learning opportunity for a student who may be interested in weather. Topics on the agenda include:

- ✧ Proper snow measurement and making an accurate spotter report
- ✧ Ice jam flooding in Northern Michigan – know the facts
- ✧ Winter storm science
- ✧ La Nina or El Nino – what are they and where are we headed this year?
- ✧ What is the forecast for this upcoming winter?

Presentation dates and times:

Charlevoix City Library,
October 5th – 630 pm

Bayliss Public Library
(Sault Ste. Marie),

October 15th – 600 pm

Manistee County Intermediate School District,

October 21st – 630 pm

Grayling City Hall,
October 29th - 630 pm

Alcona County EOC,
November 10th – 630 pm

For more information and details on winter seminar dates and locations, please visit the National Weather Service Gaylord website at www.weather.gov/gaylord.

Interior Designers or Landscape

Designer opportunity. “Seeking professional qualifications of LRBOI members who are experienced in commercial interior design or landscape design. Please contact Frank Bednarek at 231.722.3407, or submit professional qualifications to Hooker DeJong Architects & Engineers. Information about our firm, including our mailing and email addresses, can be found at www.hookerdejong.com.” This notice is provided as a courtesy to our members and does not indicate any relationship or endorsement of the company.



NMU wants Tribal Youth for Health Care Jobs. Northern Michigan University has announced that they are creating the College Prep Medicine Wheel program to bring tribal youth to the camps this fall so that they can explore various careers in health care. Currently very few Native Americans are in the health care profession.

(compiled by Office of Public Affairs)

Tribal Directory:

The Enrollment Department has sent out letters to all Tribal Members 18 and above, letting them know that a Tribal Directory is being worked on. If you do not want your name in this Directory, please send a letter to the Enrollment Department, otherwise, your name will be included in the Directory. They hope to have them ready by the Fall meeting.

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.
Or send them direct to currentscomments@lrboi.com.

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.